

NOVELTY OF THE INVENTIONCLAIMS

5        1. - A phyto-composition comprising in combination: (a) extract of *Curcuma longa*; (b) extract of *Harpagophytum procumbens*; (c) extract of *Filipendula ulmaria*; and d) oil of *Oenothera biennis*.

10      2. - A phyto-composition according to claim 1, wherein the extracts and the oil respectively are present in the phyto-composition in the following percentage in weight concentrations with respect to the total weight of the composition: (a) from 0.01% to 26% of the extract of *Curcuma longa*; (b) from 30% to 80% of the extract of *Harpagophytum procumbens*; (c) from 0.01% to 25% of the extract of *Filipendula ulmaria*; and d) from 7% to 35% of the oil of *Oenothera biennis*.

15      3. - A phyto-composition according to claim 2, wherein the extracts and oil respectively are present in the phyto-composition in the following percentage in weight concentrations with respect to the total weight of the composition: (a) from 0.01% to 15 % of the extract of *Curcuma longa*; (b) from 30% to 70% of the extract of *Harpagophytum procumbens*; (c) from 0.01% to 20% of the extract of *Filipendula ulmaria*; and d) from 7% to 30% of the oil of *Oenothera biennis*.

20      4. - A phyto-composition according to claim 1, wherein the extracts of *Curcuma longa*, *Harpagophytum procumbens*; and *Filipendula ulmaria*; are aqueous, alcoholic or hydro-alcoholic extracts.

25      5. - A phyto-composition according to claim 4, wherein the extracts are hydro-alcoholic.

6. - A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective quantity of the phyto-composition exactly as claimed in claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle.

7. - A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 6, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is formulated to be administered orally.

8. - A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 6, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is in the pharmaceutical form of an emulsion or a soft gelatin capsule.

9. - A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 8, wherein the emulsion is a water-oil emulsion.

10. - The use of vegetable extracts such as extract of *Curcuma longa*; extract of *Harpagophytum procumbens* and extract of *Filipendula ulmaria* in combination with oil of

*Oenothera biennis* and a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle to prepare a pharmaceutical composition to treat joint diseases in a patient.

11. – The use as claimed in claim 10 wherein the joint diseases are rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, gouty arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, lupus and juvenile arthritis, 5 providing anti-inflammatory and analgesic effects, as well as the progressive reduction in time of rigidity, torpor and pain of the nodules or buttons of the fingers or joints present in such diseases, besides permitting recovery of muscle strength.

12. – The use as claimed in claim 11 wherein the joint diseases are rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis.